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SUBJECT: MEAT: VOLUNTARY IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

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FOR AMBASSADOR JOVA

1. DEPARTMENT GREATLY APPRECIATES YOUR EFFECTIVE WORK IN PERSUADING GOM ACCEPT 58.4 MILLION POUNDS VOLUNTARY RESTRICTION ON MEAT EXPORTS TO US, THUS WRAPPING UP THIS YEAR'S VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS.

2. WE ARE HIGHLY AWARE OF MEXICO'S SENSITIVITY TO PRE-MATURE PUBLICITY ON SPECIFIC LEVEL THEY ACCEPTED AND WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID SUCH PUBLICITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. USG FORESEES NO NEED FOR GENERAL PUBLICITY ON MEAT IMPORT RESTRAINT PROGRAM AT THIS STAGE. AGRICULTURE AND STATE MAY BE CALLED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE CONGRESS ON THE MEAT IMPORT SITUATION, BUT WILL STICK TO PRESENTING GLOBAL RESTRAINT LEVEL UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CALLED UPON TO LAY OUT COUNTRY SHARES UNDER THE VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT PROGRAM. GOM SHOULD BE AWARE THAT BOTH THEY AND

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ALL OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES HAVE DETAILED FIGURES

OF ALLOCATIONS, HOWEVER, AND THUS THERE IS NO CERTAINTY
FIGURES WILL NOT SOMEHOW BECOME PUBLIC FROM NON-US SOURCES.

3. WITH REGARD TO RABASA'S "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" ON
ALLOCATION OF SHORTFALLS, AGREEMENT TO BE PRESENTED TO
MEXICO (SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAM) WILL CONTAIN STANDARD CLAUSE
STATING THAT US MAY ALLOCATE SHORTFALLS ON A PROPORTIONAL
BASIS TO ALL NON-SHORTFALL COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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